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IN RE APPLICATION OF: ALEXANDRE A.N. BAPTISTA  
APPLICATION NO.: 10/789,456  
FILED: FEBRUARY 26, 2004  
FOR: **VACUUM PACKAGING APPLIANCE WITH  
VACUUM SIDE CHANNEL LATCHES**

EXAMINER: HARMON, CHRISTOPHER R.  
ART UNIT: 3721  
CONF. NO: 5171  
ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.  
37469-8013.US01

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**Amendment & Response Transmittal**

Sir:

1. Transmitted herewith are the following:

- ☒ Amendment and Response
- ☒ Return postcard

2. Provisional Fee Authorization

Applicants believe that no fees are due, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment in fees for timely filing to Deposit Account No. 50-2207.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Dear Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

In response to the Office Action dated March 15, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins of page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.